



Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board



**Minnesota Senate
&
Minnesota House
of Representatives**



April 12, 2019

Nora Slawik, Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert St N
St Paul MN 55101

Dear Chair Slawik,

We understand that the plan to remove the trees in the Kenilworth Corridor to make way for Southwest LRT construction is set for April or May.

We know that receipt of the Letter of No Prejudice has been taken as an indication by the Metropolitan Council that the Full Funding Grant Agreement is a mere formality and may be issued soon. However, we are also aware that the current federal administration has not been finalizing and releasing transit project funds for projects that would otherwise have been deemed ready to go.

We urge you in the strongest terms possible to delay clear cutting the trees in the corridor until all possible impediments to the construction of SWLRT have been resolved.

As you know, the bucolic character of this corridor is prized by many. It is heavily used. In the event that SWLRT does not proceed for any reason, elimination of this unique, urban forest preserve and passageway would be a reckless and irreversible mistake. At a minimum, should construction be

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delayed for whatever reason, losing the ability to enjoy it for this spring and summer season would be a shame.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,



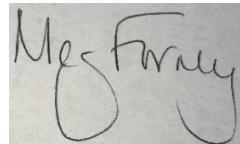
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